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## A COLD AND HUNGRY NATION.

COAL is not only scarce in Nevada. In Italy the common people are burning pine cones and old newspapers in iron buckets to keep the chill out of their homes. The food situation is more serious than was generally admitted before the successful Teuton drive. Drastic food regulation is in effect; all food products are directly controlled by the government. Because of the sugar famine, there isn't such a thing as a piece of cake in the entire nation. Eggs are eaten only by invalids and nursing mothers. Salted fish has come into general use. All bread is "war bread," very dark and heavy and thoroughly disliked. There are two meatless days a week, enforced by law, but on the five "meat" days it is almost impossible to get meat. Last August in the streets of Turin the machine guns were turned on the food rioters and how many were killed has never been ascertained. The Teuton drive aims no doubt at a political victory. Filing suffering upon suffering, it is hoped, will force Italy to internal strife and a separate peace. Whether or not that will come depends how quickly adequate food supply gets into Italy and how great is the heroism of the people.

## PITY THE POOR RAILROADS.

IF YOU are constrained to feel sorry for the poor railroads which are asking for authority to increase their rates 15 per cent, it is interesting to read that the earnings of all railroads that reported to Dun's Review for the first three weeks of October totalled \$30,163,673, an increase of 9.5 per cent over the same weeks last year.

A few roads report slightly smaller earnings than in 1916, among them the Texas & Pacific and Minneapolis & St. Louis, but these losses are far more than counterbalanced by improvement on the Denver & Rio Grande, Missouri, Kansas & Texas, Colorado & Southern and other important lines in the West and Southwest, while substantial gains continue to be reported by most of the southern roads, with the improvement especially pronounced on the Louisville & Nashville, Chesapeake & Ohio and Southern. In the following table are given the gross earnings of all United States railroads reporting to date for three weeks in October, and the gain as compared with the earnings of the same roads for the corresponding period a year ago; also for the roads that reported for the same weeks in the two immediately preceding months, together with the percentages of gains over last year:

	1917.	Gain.	Pct.
October, three week.....	\$30,163,673	\$2,628,069	9.5
September, three weeks.....	30,504,560	2,367,943	13.5
August, three weeks.....	27,189,671	3,169,534	13.2

## AT IT AGAIN.

IT MIGHT be timely to remind oneself while reading the "optimistic" reports from Washington that Kerensky will presently have whipped the Bolsheviks into line and re-organized the army, that he has been doing that same thing for almost a year. The army has been re-organized about once a week and we can remember when Nikolai Lenin, the new premier, was said to have fled Petrograd after giving up in disgust his attempt to organize a new revolt. He had absolutely no following, said the bright war correspondents. He seems to have made remarkable progress. To be safe in judging the Russian situation, read all predictions and then reverse them.

## SOME COMFORT.

THERE may be some comfort in learning that the high cost of living was higher in the first years of the Civil war than it is now. An invoice of goods sold by an Iowa grocer when the war for emancipation of the negro was started was recently discovered. It was dated June 22, 1862, and study of it forces the conclusion that the cost of food staples averaged about 129 per cent higher than now. Sugar, for instance, sold for \$58 a barrel, rice at \$31.38 a barrel, tobacco at more than double the present price, and tea cost \$101.52 for a 25-pound chest. The same grade tea can be bought now for \$18.90. Coffee was then four times as high as at present.

## IRELAND'S "PROSPERITY."

THAT long dispatch from Ireland dilating upon the joys of living in the Emerald Isle these war days probably brought a sour smile to the mouths of many a good Irishman. We are told that there is more personal liberty there than in any of the warring countries; that food is more plentiful. It is a glowing picture, but perhaps not glowing enough to erase the grim memories of Easter week, of the recent death of Ashe, or the sweeping Sinn Fein political victories over there.

## CLIPPED AND CREDITED.

Germany's reported intention to declare the American coast a war zone causes no disquietude. It is already as much of a war zone as Germany feels able to make it.—Chicago Herald.

The United States has taken over Teutonic patents. It has no desire, however, to interfere with Germany's patent right to her peculiar style of kurt.—Chicago Herald.

In these feverish knitting days, the editors of Kansas are universal in their envy of Gomer Davies of Concordia, who has a wooden leg and can darn the hole in one sock with paint.—Emporia (Kas.) Gazette.

A process of making vinegar from watermelons has been discovered down south, but it will not be employed too generally if the South is sincere in its expressed desire to keep the colored population from emigrating.—Morning Oregonian.

It doesn't make much difference, of course, whether the Ger-

man government is blown up from within or without, but it would be a mistake for the withouts to wait for the withins to do it, because it might be that the withins are waiting for the withouts to do it.—Kansas City Times.

## MEN IN SERVICE ARE NOTIFIED THEY ARE ALL INSURED BY U. S.

(By Associated Press.)  
 SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Nov. 12.—Every man and woman in the military service of the United States is being notified that he or she is now automatically insured for a basic amount of \$4,500 under the terms of the army and navy insurance act, according to bulletins issued by the Western department of the army here.

Every person in the service on October 15 is automatically insured for 120 days from that date, and every person entering after October 15 is insured for 120 days from the date of enlistment. This 120-day period is provided by the government in order that all concerned may thoroughly acquaint themselves with the workings of the insurance plan and at the same time enjoy the insurance. The first 120-day period will end February 12.

The insurance is optional at the end of this 120-day period, but Western department officials here look for a big demand for policies. These policies range from \$1,000 to \$10,000 and may apply to one or a number of beneficiaries. For example, a man may take out one \$10,000 policy or ten \$1,000 policies and in either case may apply the insurance to the dependents noted in the law.

Until the end of this 120-day period the man can only claim insurance for his wife, child or widowed mother if he has failed to sign for a policy. After that, if he wishes to take out a policy, he may insure his parents, brothers, sisters or grandchildren in addition to the others.

If an insured man dies without dependents the insurance goes to his estate. If the man and the dependents die the insurance goes to their respective estates.

Under the automatic insurance plan the man's family is given an allowance about equal to the special compensation paid by the govern-

ment. This compensation is distinct from the insurance. After the 120-day period, or if a man has taken out a policy before that time, the monthly allotment allowed his dependents is rated according to the amount of the policy. An elaborate table outlining such benefits has been prepared by the government.

The ages of those who may claim insurance run from 15 to 65 years. The monthly rate on \$1,000 policy for a 15-year-old person is 63 cents and for a 65-year-old person is \$3.35. On a \$10,000 policy this rate is \$6.30 and \$33.50, respectively.

The compensation feature is also being given emphasis. This compensation is divided into two classes: Class A and class B. Class A includes compensation for wife and children. In this class the compensation is made up in part by a compulsory allotment on the part of the fighting man, which cannot go below \$15 monthly. If there are dependents other than the wife the government adds to this according to a special rating system. In class B is included the grandchild, parent, brother or sister of the soldier.

This class compensation feature does not apply to commissioned officers and continues only for the term of honorable service. It became effective on the first day of this month.

Death compensation ranges from \$25 for a widow alone to \$75 for a widow with more than four children. Disability compensation ranges from \$30, where there is no wife or child, up to \$75, where there is a wife and three or more children. In order that this compensation may be effective, the death or disability must occur in the service or within one year after discharge. The only exceptions are when a man becomes disabled more than one year after discharge from causes due to his activity in the service.

## BREAD CARDS FOR FRENCH.

(By Associated Press.)  
 PARIS, Nov. 12.—Bread cards have been issued to the housewives of Paris, though the regime has not yet been instituted. The ration which was fixed at a pound per day per head by the preceding minister of provisions will probably not exceed half a pound per head. Bulgaria, whose principal resources are agricultural, allows a pound a day. Bread rations to civilians in belligerent and neutral countries to date are as follows:

Bulgaria, 16 ounces; Denmark, 10 ounces; Germany, 9 ounces; Austria, 9 ounces; Holland, 8 ounces; Switzerland, 8 ounces; Italy, 8 ounces; England (families), 8 ounces; England (restaurants), 7½ ounces; Turkey, 5 ounces.

Bread is made in Germany of flour containing 94 per cent of wheat. In Austria of flour containing 90 per cent, while in France 85 per cent is used.

## INDIAN "MEDICINE" STORY.

(By Associated Press.)  
 PENDELTON, Ore., Nov. 12.—Indian medicine men still hold forth on the Umatilla reservation here and find many followers among the 1,200 remnants of the Cayuse, Walla-Walla and Umatilla tribes which are located on the reservation.

So strong is their power that they convinced No Shirt, former chief of the Wallas, who died recently, that when he fell sick he was the victim of a dark spell cast upon him. As a result he refused to allow his tribesmen to call a white physician.

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## NO ROADS FOR ARIZONA.

(By Associated Press.)  
 YUMA, Ariz., Nov. 12.—The state of Arizona may forego all proposed road building in the state for the period of the war, and offer its road building crews to the federal government to be used in building roads in France. This suggestion has come to Governor Campbell from State Engineer Tom Maddock, and the governor has taken it under advisement.

Mr. Maddock said his suggestion was the result of his conviction that the federal government will need all the experienced road builders it can get, in order to keep open existing arteries near the battle fronts and to extend the system as the troops are shifted about.

## CAN YOUR PRONOUNCE IT?

Cantonment is a new word as well as a new thing to us Americans, so it is not surprising that few

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## SILENCE OF WOODS BOTHERS CITY WORKERS ON MUIR ROAD

(By Associated Press.)  
 SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Nov. 12.—The loneliness and mystery of the great woods is halting the construction of the John Muir trail in the Sierra national forest. Workmen declare the tomb-like silence of the dark forests, punctuated occasionally by the echoing cry of wild beast, is "getting on their nerves."

The cathedral-like calm seems to forbid all forms of mirth. The tollers are overcome by the portent of the "silent place" and, being used to the life and action of the town and cities, the reaction of absolute quiet is proving too much for them.

The trail contractors are trying hard to combat this psychological condition. The workers say they are anxious and willing to complete the trail, but their spirits are affected by the sombre surroundings.

Eight miles of the trail have already been completed, according to reports of the United States forest service. The government's principal work now is to have the rangers, who love the forest and its perennial calm, encourage the trail blazers to stay until the work is done, in order that the whole world may view the pristine beauties of the woods.

The eight miles was completed in two sections. The first section is three and one-half miles between the mouth of Plute creek to the mouth of Evolution creek. It runs along the south fork of the San Joaquin river through a region of amazing beauty. At a point on this stretch stoneworks for a bridge with a 68-foot span across the river were constructed. A second bridge was begun above the mouth of Evolution creek. These bridges are to be completed next summer if the crews continue to work at their present rate. The temporary trail up Evolution creek to Barrier rock is also showing good progress.

The second section of trail is from Barrier rock, around the shores of beautiful Lake Helen to the summit of Muir pass, which has an elevation of 12,659 feet. Barrier rock stood in the way of the workers like a European fortress, but they blasted

of us can pronounce it. In the army they call it "cantonment," pronouncing the double "o" as in boon. The stress is placed upon the second syllable. Many civilians are incorrectly pronouncing the word as though it were formed by adding a syllable to Canton, Ohio.

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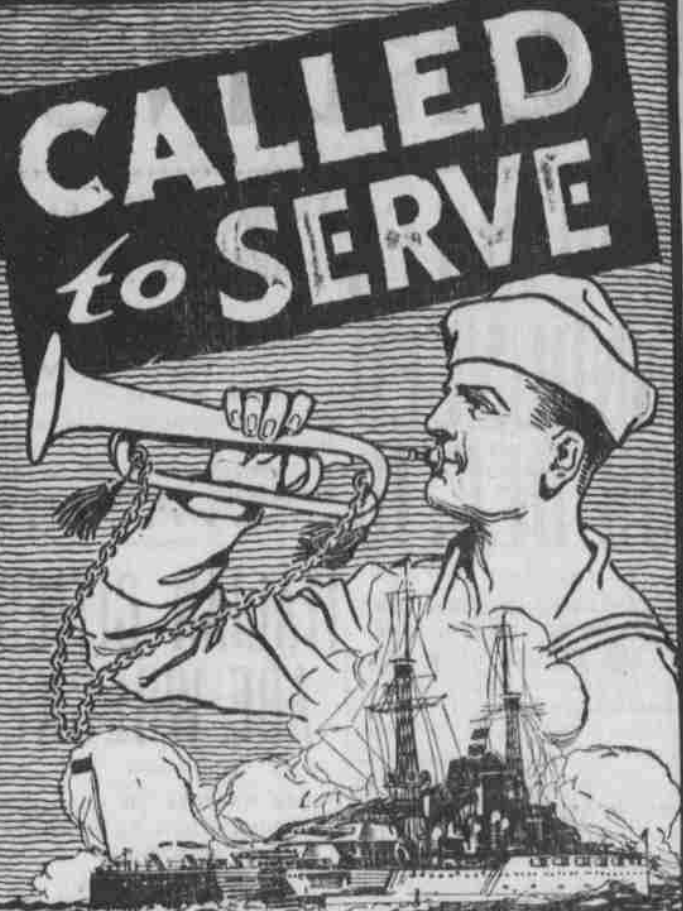
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monument to John Muir, the great naturalist. It is being built by the government forestry service with state funds under the direction of the state engineer. When completed it will be a comfortable route along the spine of the Sierras from Yosemite to Mount Whitney.

On account of the great elevation and the psychological elements mentioned the work did not begin this season until late in July and had to be abandoned early in October.

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